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Dear Allen

FDR

We read that Foster is coming to San Francisco to address the Chamber of Commerce and I suppose that is an effort to mend the political fences. I wonder if he realizes what his main handicap in California is -

A while ago newspapers here came out with a headline to the effect that Dulles threatens that the U.S.A. will resume nuclear testing if the Russians do. The reaction in Calif. is "who is he threatening"? We are surrounded by scientists out here and they agree that "fall-out" is cumulative and the quickest way for humans to acquire some in their bodies is

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your EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE has had fall-out.

Now everyone knows that Russians & Chinese
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are not accustomed to drinking much milk
but all Americans, particularly Californians
drink tons of it, both children and adults,
so the question "who is he threatening?" makes
some sense, and after the last nuclear tests
in Nevada blowing this way Californians are
very sensitive on the subject.

Another thing, of course, is that a number
of people were frightened over the Greenay question.

I thought that Foster handled that very
well because he avoided Dean Acheson's
mistake of saying he wouldn't fight for it
while choosing his words carefully enough
not to commit us to do it. Jack and I were
perfectly confident that he never meant to
fight. He doesn't know that would have
been a perfectly idiotic thing to do.

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above note to do a little "giving out without losing face". If so, why don't we agree to that promptly and we can turn West Berlin over to West Germany and they can put their troops in to keep the city divided as the dual capital of the Federated Germany. I think that ought to be an easy out for us and not make Germany much more potentially dangerous than she is, which we cannot prevent her being anyway. (When I say "potentially dangerous" I am talking of your grand children time.) It is the German combination of great physical strength and virility with complete psychological "fiduciarity", can be led anywhere.

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We do wish you and Elizabeth all the best.

Much love to you both from Jack and Bobbi MacEachan



All our foreign affairs lately seem to be
Much Ado about Nothing. Obviously
no one here "gives a hoot" about either Germany
or Berlin, but I realize that you and Foster
know perfectly well that both those situations
are bound to deteriorate and that Foster
must be trying to get us out with as little
loss of face as possible. I can't see why
we make such a fuss about re-uniting Germany.
West Germany is already the most powerful
country in Europe and why build her up?

But the West Germans certainly don't want
to burden themselves by integrating East
Germany into it. They talk about federation
^{as Hitler does}